

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed August 23, 2006 considered claims 1-40. Claims 22-37 and 39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Stein (US 5,628,055) hereinafter *Stein*. Claims 1-18 and 40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Stein* in view of Anjum et al. (US 2003/0099212) hereinafter *Anjum*. Claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Stein* in view of *Anjum* as applied to claim 1, and further in view of Chen et al. (US 2004/0178987) hereinafter *Chen*. Claims 20 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Stein* in view of *Anjum* as applied to claim 1, and further in view of Little et al. (US 2004/0172531) hereinafter *Little*. Claim 38 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Stein* in view of *Chen*.¹

As a preliminary matter, applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephonic communication of January 19, 2007.

By this paper, claims 1, 5, 22, 24, 31 and 32 have been amended, claim 6-8, 25-27, and 39-40 have been cancelled, new claims 41-46 have been added, such that claims 1-5, 9-24, 28-39, and 41-46 remain pending, of which only claims 1 and 22 are independent claims.

As discussed during the telephonic communication, the claims have been amended to more fully illustrate embodiments with automobile ignition switch interfaces for connecting a computing device with a telecommunications interface to an automobile computer system. The art cited in the present Office Action does not appear to be directed to the interconnection of telecommunications computing devices to automobile computer systems. The Examiner seemed to agree during the telephonic interview that the art, as now cited, is not directed to such embodiments, but is rather directed to more general cellular communication applications. As such, the claims as now amended are patentable over the art presently cited.

To facilitate the Examiner's review of the claims as now drafted, applicants would like to point out portions of the specification where explicit support for each of the amendments may be found. While the application in general supports the claims as recited, page 26 beginning at line 9 through page 28 line 7 illustrate specific example of an automobile ignition switch interface

¹ Although the prior art status of the cited art is not being challenged at this time, Applicant reserves the right to challenge the prior art status of the cited art at any appropriate time, should it arise. Accordingly, any arguments and amendments made herein should not be construed as acquiescing to any prior art status of the cited art.

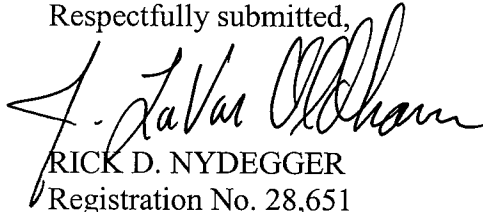
being used to interconnect a personal communications server and an automobile computer. Further support can be found by examining Figures 1, 3, and 5 which show automobile keys and USB interfaces being used for interconnection.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the other rejections to the claims are now moot and do not, therefore, need to be addressed individually at this time. It will be appreciated, however, that this should not be construed as Applicant acquiescing to any of the purported teachings or assertions made in the last action regarding the cited art or the pending application, including any official notice. Instead, Applicant reserves the right to challenge any of the purported teachings or assertions made in the last action at any appropriate time in the future, should the need arise. Furthermore, to the extent that the Examiner has relied on any Official Notice, explicitly or implicitly, Applicant specifically requests that the Examiner provide references supporting the teachings officially noticed, as well as the required motivation or suggestion to combine the relied upon notice with the other art of record.

In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney 801-533-9800.

Dated this 23rd day of February, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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